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TO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST IMMEDIATE

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EMBASSY PASS TO SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN FROM ACTING SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, PN

SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATY

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR JOE:

I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND
LINOWITZ HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE GOVERN-
MENT OF PANAMA ON TWO TREATIES WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THAT
THE PANAMA CANAL WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPERATED EFFICIENTLY
AND WILL REMAIN OPEN TO ALL SHIPS ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY
BASIS.

THE BASIC PANAMA CANAL TREATY GIVES THE U.S. PRIMARY RESPON-
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SIBILITY FOR CANAL OPERATIONS AND DEFENSE UNTIL DECEMBER 31,
1999.

THERE IS A SEPARATE TREATY ON THE NEUTRALITY OF THE PANAMA
CANAL WHICH EXTENDS BEYOND THE YEAR 2000 AND GIVES THE U.S.
THE RIGHT TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE
THE CANAL'S NEUTRALITY. DIFFICULT FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS

HAVE PRODUCED A FAIR AND EQUITABLE PACKAGE WHICH WILL NOT INVOLVE ANY CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS. ALL PAYMENTS TO

PANAMA WILL COME FROM TOLL REVENUES (30 CENTS PER CANAL TON PLUS \$10 MILLION). ADDITIONALLY, THE U.S. WILL SEEK TO PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY \$295 MILLION IN LOANS AND GUARANTEES FOR PANAMA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ALTHOUGH PANAMA WILL ASSUME GENERAL TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OVER THE PRESENT CANAL ZONE, THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO, AND THE RIGHTS TO USE ALL LAND AND WATER AREAS NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CANAL. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU UPON YOUR RETURN.

I HOPE WE CAN WORK WITH YOU TO ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THESE HISTORIC TREATIES.

BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND USEFUL TRIP.

WARREN CHRISTOPHER, ACTING SECRETARY.
END QUOTE.

CHRISTOPHER

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